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Be it known that I, Kate Loughney a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 7301 34th Avenue, in the City of Seattle and State of Washington 98115 have invented a new and useful Phosphodiesterase 10, of which the following is a specification.

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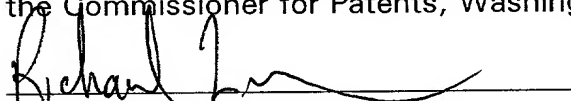
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PHOSPHODIESTERASE 10

This application claims priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/075,508, filed February 23, 1998.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to a novel phosphodiesterase (PDE) designated PDE10. Depending on nomenclature used, PDE10 is also referred to as PDE9.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Phosphodiesterases (PDEs) hydrolyze 3', 5' cyclic nucleotides to their respective nucleoside 5' monophosphates. The cyclic nucleotides cAMP and cGMP are synthesized by adenylyl and guanylyl cyclases, respectively, and serve as second messengers in a number of cellular signaling pathways. The duration and strength of the second messenger signal is a function of the rate of synthesis and the rate of hydrolysis of the cyclic nucleotide.

Multiple families of PDEs have been identified. The nomenclature system includes first a number that indicates the PDE family. To date, nine families (PDE1-9) are known which are classified by: (i) primary structure; (ii) substrate preference; (iii) response to different modulators; (iv) sensitivity to specific inhibitors; and (v) modes of regulation [Loughney and Ferguson, in Phosphodiesterase Inhibitors, Schudt, *et al.* (Eds.), Academic Press: New York, New York (1996) pp. 1-19]. The number indicating the family is followed by a capital letter, indicating a distinct gene, and the capital letter followed by a second number, indicating a specific splice variant or a specific transcript that utilizes a unique transcription initiation site.

The amino acid sequences of all mammalian PDEs identified to date include a highly conserved region of approximately 270 amino acids located in the carboxy terminal half of the protein [Charbonneau, *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (USA)* 83:9308-9312 (1986)]. The conserved domain includes the catalytic site for cAMP and/or cGMP hydrolysis and two putative zinc binding sites as well as family specific determinants [Beavo, *Physiol. Rev.* 75:725-748 (1995); Francis, *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.*

269:22477-22480 (1994)]. The amino terminal regions of the various PDEs are highly variable and include other family specific determinants such as: (i) calmodulin binding sites (PDE1); (ii) non-catalytic cyclic GMP binding sites (PDE2, PDE5, PDE6); (iii) membrane targeting sites (PDE4); (iv) hydrophobic membrane association sites (PDE3); and (v) phosphorylation sites for either the calmodulin-dependent kinase II (PDE1), the cAMP-dependent kinase (PDE1, PDE3, PDE4), or the cGMP dependent kinase (PDE5) [Beavo, *Physiol. Rev.* 75:725-748 (1995); Manganiello, *et al.*, *Arch. Biochem. Acta* 322:1-13 (1995); Conti, *et al.*, *Physiol. Rev.* 75:723-748 (1995)].

Members of the PDE1 family are activated by calcium-calmodulin. Three genes have been identified; PDE1A and PDE1B preferentially hydrolyze cGMP while PDE1C has been shown to exhibit a high affinity for both cAMP and cGMP. The PDE2 family is characterized as being specifically stimulated by cGMP [Loughney and Ferguson, *supra*]. Only one gene has been identified, PDE2A, the enzyme product of which is specifically inhibited by erythro-9-(2-hydroxy-3-nonyl)adenine (EHNA). Enzymes in the PDE3 family are specifically inhibited by cGMP. Two genes are known, PDE3A and PDE3B, both having high affinity for both cAMP and cGMP, although the V_{\max} for cGMP hydrolysis is low enough that cGMP functions as a competitive inhibitor for cAMP hydrolysis. PDE3 enzymes are specifically inhibited by milrinone and enoximone [Loughney and Ferguson, *supra*]. The PDE4 family effects cAMP hydrolysis and includes four genes, PDE4A, PDE4B, PDE4C, and PDE4D, each having multiple splice variants. Members of this family are specifically inhibited by the anti-depressant drug rolipram. Members of PDE5 family bind cGMP at non-catalytic sites and preferentially hydrolyze cGMP. Only one gene, PDE5A, has been identified. The photoreceptor PDE6 enzymes specifically hydrolyze cGMP [Loughney and Ferguson, *supra*]. Genes include PDE6A and PDE6B (the protein products of which dimerize and bind two copies of a smaller γ inhibitory subunit to form rod PDE), in addition to PDE6C which associates with three smaller proteins to form cone PDE. The PDE7 family effects cAMP hydrolysis but, in contrast to the PDE4 family, is not inhibited by rolipram [Loughney and Ferguson, *supra*]. Only one gene, PDE7A, has been identified. The PDE8 family has been shown to hydrolyze both cAMP and cGMP and is insensitive to inhibitors specific for PDEs 1-5. Depending on nomenclature used, PDE8 is also referred

to as PDE10, but is distinct from PDE10 described herein. The PDE9 family preferentially hydrolyzes cAMP and is not sensitive to inhibition by rolipram, a PDE4-specific inhibitor, or isobutyl methyl xanthine (IBMX), a non-specific PDE inhibitor. Depending on nomenclature used, PDE9 is also referred to as PDE8, but is distinct from PDE8 mentioned above. To date, two genes have been identified in the PDE9 family.

Specific and non-specific inhibitors of the various PDE protein families have been shown to be effective in treating disorders attributable, in part, to aberrant levels of cAMP or cGMP. For example, the PDE4-specific inhibitor rolipram, mentioned above as an anti-depressant, inhibits lipopolysaccharide-induced expression of TNF α and has been effective in treating multiple sclerosis in an animal model. Other PDE4-specific inhibitors are being investigated for use as anti-inflammatory therapeutics, and efficacy in attenuating the late asthmatic response to allergen challenge has been demonstrated [Harbinson, *et al.*, *Eur. Respir. J.* 10:1008-1014 (1997)]. Inhibitors specific for the PDE3 family have been approved for treatment of congestive heart failure. PDE5 inhibitors are currently being evaluated for treatment of penile erectile dysfunction [Boolell, *et al.*, *Int. J. Impotence Res.* 8:47-50 (1996)]. Non-specific inhibitors, such as theophylline and pentoxifylline, are currently used in the treatment of respiratory and vascular disorders, respectively.

Given the importance of cAMP and cGMP in intracellular second messenger signaling, there thus exists an ongoing need in the art to identify additional PDE species. Identification of heretofore unknown families of PDEs, and genes and splice variants thereof, will provide additional pharmacological approaches to treating conditions in which cyclic nucleotide pathways are aberrant, as well as conditions in which modulation of intracellular cAMP and/or cGMP levels in certain cell types is desirable. Identification of family-specific and enzyme-specific inhibitors will permit development of therapeutic and prophylactic agents which act on desired cell types expressing PDEs and/or particular metabolic pathways regulated by cyclic nucleotide monophosphate steady-state concentrations.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In brief, the present invention provides purified and isolated PDE10 polypeptides. Preferred polypeptides comprise the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 20 and SEQ ID NO: 22.

5 The invention also provides polynucleotides encoding polypeptides of the invention. A preferred polynucleotide comprises the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1. Polynucleotides of the invention include polynucleotides encoding a human PDE10 polypeptide selected from the group consisting of: a) the polynucleotide according to SEQ ID NO: 1, 18, 20 or 22; b) a DNA which hybridizes under moderately stringent
10 conditions to the non-coding strand of the polynucleotide of (a); and c) a DNA which would hybridize to the non-coding strand of the polynucleotide of (a) but for the redundancy of the genetic code. Polynucleotides of the invention comprise any one of the polynucleotide set out in SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 20, and SEQ ID NO: 22, as well as fragments thereof. The invention provides polynucleotides which are DNA molecules.
15 DNA molecules include cDNA, genomic DNA, and wholly or partially chemically synthesized DNA molecule. The invention also provides antisense polynucleotides which specifically hybridizes with the complement of a polynucleotide of the invention.

The invention also provides expression constructs comprising a polynucleotide of the invention, host cells transformed or transfected with an expression
20 construct of the invention, and methods for producing a PDE10 polypeptide comprising the steps of: a) growing the host cell of the invention under conditions appropriate for expression of the PDE10 polypeptide and b) isolating the PDE10 polypeptide from the host cell or the medium of its growth.

25 The invention further provides antibodies specifically immunoreactive with a polypeptide of the invention. Preferably, the antibody is a monoclonal antibody. The invention also provides hybridomas which produce an antibody of the invention. Anti-idiotypic antibody specifically immunoreactive with the antibody of the invention are also contemplated.

30 The invention also provides methods to identify a specific binding partner compound of a PDE10 polypeptide comprising the steps of: a) contacting the PDE10 polypeptide with a compound under conditions which permit binding between the

compound and the PDE10 polypeptide; b) detecting binding of the compound to the PDE10 polypeptide; and c) identifying the compound as a specific binding partner of the PDE10 polypeptide. Preferably, methods of the invention identify specific binding partners that modulate activity of the PDE10 polypeptide. In one aspect, the methods
5 identify compounds that inhibits activity of the PDE10 polypeptide. In another aspect, the methods identify compounds that enhance activity of the PDE10 polypeptide.

The invention also provides methods to identify a specific binding partner compound of the PDE10 polynucleotide of the invention comprising the steps of: a) contacting the PDE10 polynucleotide with a compound under conditions which permit
10 binding between the compound and the PDE10 polynucleotide; b) detecting binding of the compound to the PDE10 polynucleotide; and c) identifying the compound as a specific binding partner of the PDE10 polynucleotide. Preferably, the methods identify specific binding partner compounds that modulate expression of a PDE10 polypeptide encoded by the PDE10 polynucleotide. In one aspect, method of the invention identify
15 compounds that inhibit expression of the PDE10 polypeptide. In another aspect, methods of the invention identify compounds that enhance expression of the PDE10 polypeptide.

Binding partner compounds identified by methods of the invention are also contemplated, as are compositions comprising the compound. The invention further comprehends use of binding partner compounds of the invention in production of
20 medicaments for the treatment of PDE10-related disorders.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides polypeptides and underlying polynucleotides for a novel PDE family designated PDE10. The PDE10 family is
25 distinguished from previously known PDE families in that it shows a lower degree of sequence homology than would be expected for a member of a known family of PDEs and it is not sensitive to inhibitors that are known to be specific for previously identified PDE families. Outside of the catalytic region of the protein, PDE10 shows little homology to other known PDEs. Even over the catalytic region, PDE10 amino acid
30 sequence identity is less than 40% when compared with the same region in known PDEs. The invention includes both naturally occurring and non-naturally occurring PDE10

polynucleotides and polypeptide products thereof. Naturally occurring PDE10 products include distinct gene and polypeptide species within the PDE10 family; these species include those which are expressed within cells of the same animal as well as corresponding species homologs expressed in cells of other animals. Within each PDE10 species, the invention further provides splice variants encoded by the same polynucleotide but which arise from distinct mRNA transcripts. Non-naturally occurring PDE10 products include variants of the naturally occurring products such as analogs (*i.e.*, wherein one or more amino acids are added, substituted, or deleted) and those PDE10 products which include covalent modifications (*i.e.*, fusion proteins, glycosylation variants, and the like).

The present invention provides novel purified and isolated polynucleotides (e.g., DNA sequences and RNA transcripts, both sense and complementary antisense strands, including splice variants thereof) encoding human PDE10s. DNA sequences of the invention include genomic and cDNA sequences as well as wholly or partially chemically synthesized DNA sequences. Genomic DNA of the invention comprises the protein coding region for a polypeptide of the invention and includes allelic variants of the preferred polynucleotide of the invention. Genomic DNA of the invention is distinguishable from genomic DNAs encoding polypeptides other than PDE10 in that it includes the PDE10 coding region as defined by PDE10 cDNA of the invention. The invention therefore provides structural, physical, and functional characterization for genomic PDE10 DNA. Allelic variants are known in the art to be modified forms of a wild type gene sequence, the modification resulting from recombination during chromosomal segregation or exposure to conditions which give rise to genetic mutation. Allelic variants, like wild type genes, are inherently naturally occurring sequences (as opposed to non-naturally occurring variants which arise from *in vitro* manipulation). "Synthesized," as used herein and is understood in the art, refers to purely chemical, as opposed to enzymatic, methods for producing polynucleotides. "Wholly" synthesized DNA sequences are therefore produced entirely by chemical means, and "partially" synthesized DNAs embrace those wherein only portions of the resulting DNA were produced by chemical means. A preferred DNA sequence encoding a human PDE10 polypeptide is set out in SEQ ID NO: 1. The worker of skill in the art will readily

appreciate that the preferred DNA of the invention comprises a double stranded molecule, for example the molecule having the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1 along with the complementary molecule (the "non-coding strand" or "complement") having a sequence deducible from the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 according to Watson-Crick base paring rules for DNA. Also preferred are polynucleotides encoding the PDE10 polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 2.

The disclosure of a full length polynucleotide encoding a PDE10 polypeptide makes readily available to the worker of ordinary skill in the art every possible fragment of the full length polynucleotide. The invention therefore provides fragments of PDE10-encoding polynucleotides of the invention comprising at least 10 to 20, and preferably at least 15, nucleotides, however, the invention comprehends fragments of various lengths. Preferably, fragment polynucleotides of the invention comprise sequences unique to the PDE10-encoding polynucleotide sequence, and therefore hybridize under stringent or preferably moderate conditions only (*i.e.*, "specifically") to polynucleotides encoding PDE10, or PDE10 polynucleotide fragments containing the unique sequence. Polynucleotide fragments of genomic sequences of the invention comprise not only sequences unique to the coding region, but also include fragments of the full length sequence derived from introns, regulatory regions, and/or other non-translated sequences. Sequences unique to polynucleotides of the invention are recognizable through sequence comparison to other known polynucleotides, and can be identified through use of alignment programs made available in public sequence databases.

The invention also provides fragment polynucleotides that are conserved in one or more polynucleotides encoding members of the PDE10 family of polypeptides. Such fragments include sequences characteristic of the family of PDE10 polynucleotides, and are also referred to as "signature sequences." The conserved signature sequences are readily discernable following simple sequence comparison of polynucleotides encoding members of the PDE10 family. Fragments of the invention can be labeled in a manner that permits their detection, and radioactive and non-radioactive labeling are comprehended. Fragment polynucleotides are particularly useful as probes for detection of full length or other fragment PDE10 polynucleotides. One or more

fragment polynucleotides can be included in kits that are used to detect the presence of a polynucleotide encoding PDE10, or used to detect variations in a polynucleotide sequence encoding PDE10.

5 The invention further embraces species homologs, preferably mammalian, of the human PDE10 DNA. The polynucleotide sequence information provided by the invention makes possible the identification and isolation of polynucleotides encoding related mammalian PDE10 molecules by well known techniques including Southern and/or Northern hybridization, and polymerase chain reaction (PCR). Examples of related polynucleotides include human and non-human genomic sequences, including allelic variants, as well as polynucleotides encoding polypeptides homologous to PDE10 and structurally related polypeptides sharing one or more biological, immunological, and/or physical properties of PDE10.

10 The invention also embraces DNA sequences encoding PDE10 species which hybridize under moderately stringent conditions to the non-coding strands, or complements, of the polynucleotide in any one of SEQ ID NOs: 1, 18, 20, and 22. DNA sequences encoding PDE10 polypeptides which would hybridize thereto but for the redundancy of the genetic code are contemplated by the invention. Exemplary moderate hybridization conditions are as follows: hybridization at 65°C in 3X SSC, 0.1% Sarkosyl, and 20 mM sodium phosphate, pH 6.8, and washing at 65°C in 2X SSC with 0.1% SDS. Exemplary high stringency conditions would include a final wash in 0.2X SSC/0.1% SDS, at 65°C to 75° C. It is understood in the art that conditions of equivalent stringency can be achieved through variation of temperature and buffer, or salt concentration as described Ausubel, *et al.* (Eds.), Protocols in Molecular Biology, John Wiley & Sons (1994), pp. 6.0.3 to 6.4.10. Modifications in hybridization conditions can be empirically determined or precisely calculated based on the length and the percentage of guanosine/cytosine (GC) base pairing of the probe. The hybridization conditions can be calculated as described in Sambrook, *et al.*, (Eds.), Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press: Cold Spring Harbor, New York (1989), pp. 9.47 to 9.51.

25 30 Autonomously replicating recombinant expression constructions such as plasmid and viral DNA vectors incorporating PDE10 sequences are also provided.

Expression constructs wherein PDE10-encoding polynucleotides are operatively-linked to an endogenous or exogenous expression control DNA sequence and a transcription terminator are also provided.

According to another aspect of the invention, host cells are provided, including procaryotic and eucaryotic cells, either stably or transiently transformed with DNA sequences of the invention in a manner which permits expression of PDE10 polypeptides of the invention. Expression systems of the invention include bacterial, yeast, fungal, viral, invertebrate, and mammalian cells systems. Host cells of the invention are a valuable source of immunogen for development of antibodies specifically immunoreactive with PDE10. Host cells of the invention are also conspicuously useful in methods for large scale production of PDE10 polypeptides wherein the cells are grown in a suitable culture medium and the desired polypeptide products are isolated from the cells or from the medium in which the cells are grown by, for example, immunoaffinity purification.

Knowledge of PDE10 DNA sequences allows for modification of cells to permit, or increase, expression of endogenous PDE10. Cells can be modified (*e.g.*, by homologous recombination) to provide increased PDE10 expression by replacing, in whole or in part, the naturally occurring PDE10 promoter with all or part of a heterologous promoter so that the cells express PDE10 at higher levels. The heterologous promoter is inserted in such a manner that it is operatively-linked to PDE10 encoding sequences. See, for example, PCT International Publication No. WO 94/12650, PCT International Publication No. WO 92/20808, and PCT International Publication No. WO 91/09955. The invention also comprehends that, in addition to heterologous promoter DNA, amplifiable marker DNA (*e.g.*, *ada*, *dhfr*, and the multifunctional CAD gene which encodes carbamyl phosphate synthase, aspartate transcarbamylase, and dihydroorotase) and/or intron DNA may be inserted along with the heterologous promoter DNA. If linked to the PDE10 coding sequence, amplification of the marker DNA by standard selection methods results in co-amplification of the PDE10 coding sequences in the cells.

The DNA sequence information provided by the present invention also makes possible the development through, *e.g.* homologous recombination or "knock-out"

strategies [Capecchi, *Science* 244:1288-1292 (1989)], of animals that fail to express functional PDE10 or that express a variant of PDE10. Such animals are useful as models for studying the *in vivo* activities of PDE10 and modulators of PDE10.

The invention also provides purified and isolated mammalian PDE10 polypeptides as set out in SEQ ID NOs: 2, 19, 21, and 23. Presently preferred is a PDE10 polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence set out in SEQ ID NO: 2. The invention embraces PDE10 polypeptides encoded by a DNA selected from the group consisting of: a) the DNA sequence set out in SEQ ID NOs:1, 18, 20, or 22; b) a DNA molecule which hybridizes under stringent conditions to the noncoding strand of the protein coding portion of (a); and c) a DNA molecule that would hybridize to the DNA of (a) but for the degeneracy of the genetic code. The invention also embraces polypeptide fragments of the sequences set out in SEQ ID NOs: 2, 19, 21, or 23 wherein the fragments maintain biological or immunological properties of a PDE10 polypeptide. Preferred polypeptide fragments display antigenic properties unique to or specific for the PDE10 family of polypeptides. Fragments of the invention can be prepared by any the methods well known and routinely practiced in the art, having the desired biological and immunological properties.

The invention embraces polypeptides have at least 99%, at least 95%, at least 90%, at least 85%, at least 80%, at least 75%, at least 70%, at least 65%, at least 60%, at least 55% and at least 50% identity and/or homology to the preferred PDE10 polypeptide on the invention. Percent amino acid sequence "identity" with respect to the preferred polypeptide of the invention is defined herein as the percentage of amino acid residues in the candidate sequence that are identical with the residues in the PDE10 sequence after aligning both sequences and introducing gaps, if necessary, to achieve the maximum percent sequence identity, and not considering any conservative substitutions as part of the sequence identity. Percent sequence "homology" with respect to the preferred polypeptide of the invention is defined herein as the percentage of amino acid residues in the candidate sequence that are identical with the residues in the PDE10 sequence after aligning the sequences and introducing gaps, if necessary, to achieve the maximum percent sequence identity, and also considering any conservative substitutions

as part of the sequence identity. Conservative substitutions can be defined as set out below.

PDE10 polypeptides of the invention may be isolated from natural cell sources or may be chemically synthesized, but are preferably produced by recombinant procedures involving host cells of the invention. Use of various host cells is expected to provide for such post-translational modifications (*e.g.*, glycosylation, truncation, lipidation, and phosphorylation) as may be needed to confer optimal biological activity on recombinant expression products of the invention. PDE10 products of the invention may be full length polypeptides, biologically or immunologically active fragments, or variants thereof which retain specific PDE10 biological or immunological activity. Variants may comprise PDE10 polypeptide analogs wherein one or more of the specified (*i.e.*, naturally encoded) amino acids is deleted or replaced or wherein one or more non-specified amino acids are added: (1) without loss of one or more of the biological activities or immunological characteristics specific for PDE10; or (2) with specific disablement of a particular biological activity of PDE10.

Variant products of the invention include mature PDE10 products, *i.e.*, PDE10 products wherein leader or signal sequences are removed, and having additional, non-naturally occurring, amino terminal residues. PDE10 products having an additional methionine residue at position -1 (Met⁻¹-PDE10) are contemplated, as are PDE10 products having additional methionine and lysine residues at positions -2 and -1 (Met⁻²-Lys⁻¹-PDE10). Variants of these types are particularly useful for recombinant protein production in bacterial cell types.

The invention also embraces PDE10 variants having additional amino acid residues that result from use of specific expression systems. For example, use of commercially available vectors that express a desired polypeptide such as a glutathione-S-transferase (GST) fusion product provide the desired polypeptide having an additional glycine residue at position -1 as a result of cleavage of the GST component from the desired polypeptide. Variants which result from expression in other vector systems are also contemplated.

Variant polypeptides include those wherein conservative substitutions have been introduced by modification of polynucleotides encoding polypeptides of the

invention. Conservative substitutions are recognized in the art to classify amino acids according to their related physical properties and can be defined as set out in Table I (from WO 97/09433, page 10, published March 13, 1997 (PCT/GB96/02197, filed 9/6/96).

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Table I
Conservative Substitutions I

<u>SIDE CHAIN CHARACTERISTIC</u>	<u>AMINO ACID</u>
Aliphatic	G A P
Non-polar	I L V
Polar - uncharged	C S T M
	N Q
Polar - charged	D E
	K R
Aromatic	H F W Y
Other	N Q D E

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Alternatively, conservative amino acids can be grouped as defined in Lehninger, [Biochemistry, Second Edition; Worth Publishers, Inc. NY:NY (1975), pp.71-77] as set out in Table II.

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Table II
Conservative Substitutions II

<u>SIDE CHAIN CHARACTERISTIC</u>	<u>AMINO ACID</u>
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	Non-polar (hydrophobic)	
	A. Aliphatic:	A L I V P
	B. Aromatic:	F W
5	C. Sulfur-containing:	M
	D. Borderline:	G
	Uncharged-polar	
	A. Hydroxyl:	S
	T Y	
10	B. Amides:	N Q
	C. Sulfhydryl:	C
	D. Borderline:	G
	Positively Charged (Basic):	K R H
	Negatively Charged (Acidic):	
15	DE	

The invention further embraces PDE10 products modified to include one or more water soluble polymer attachments. Particularly preferred are PDE10 products covalently modified with polyethylene glycol (PEG) subunits. Water soluble polymers may be bonded at specific positions, for example at the amino terminus of the PDE10 products, or randomly attached to one or more side chains of the polypeptide.

Also comprehended by the present invention are antibodies (*e.g.*, monoclonal and polyclonal antibodies, single chain antibodies, chimeric antibodies, human antibodies CDR-grafted antibodies, or otherwise "humanized" antibodies, antigen binding antibody domains including Fab, Fab', F(ab')₂, F_v, or single variable domains, and the like) and other binding proteins specific for PDE10 products or fragments thereof. Specific binding proteins can be developed using isolated or recombinant PDE10 products, PDE10 variants, or cells expressing such products. The term "specific for" indicates that the variable regions of the antibodies recognize and bind PDE10 polypeptides exclusively (*i.e.*, able to distinguish PDE10 polypeptides from the superfamily of PDE polypeptides despite sequence identity, homology, or similarity found in the family of polypeptides), but may also interact with other proteins (for example, *S. aureus* protein A or other antibodies in ELISA techniques) through interactions with sequences outside the variable region of the antibodies, and in particular, in the constant region of the molecule. Screening assays to determine binding specificity of an antibody of the invention are well known and routinely practiced in the

art. For a comprehensive discussion of such assays, see Harlow *et al.* (eds), Antibodies: A Laboratory Manual; Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory; Cold Spring Harbor, NY (1988), Chapter 6. Antibodies that recognize and bind fragments of the PDE10 polypeptides of the invention are also contemplated, provided that the antibodies are first and foremost specific for, as defined above, PDE10 polypeptides. As with antibodies that are specific for full length PDE10 polypeptides, antibodies of the invention that recognize PDE10 fragments are those which can distinguish PDE10 polypeptides from the superfamily of PDE polypeptides despite inherent sequence identity, homology, or similarity found in the family of proteins.

Binding proteins are useful for purifying PDE10 products and detection or quantification of PDE10 products in fluid and tissue samples using known immunological procedures. Binding proteins are also manifestly useful in modulating (*i.e.*, blocking, inhibiting or stimulating) biological activities of PDE10, especially those activities involved in signal transduction. Anti-idiotypic antibodies specific for anti-PDE10 antibodies are also contemplated.

The scientific value of the information contributed through the disclosures of DNA and amino acid sequences of the present invention is manifest. As one series of examples, knowledge of the sequence of a cDNA for PDE10 makes possible through use of Southern hybridization or polymerase chain reaction (PCR) the identification of genomic DNA sequences encoding PDE10 and PDE10 expression control regulatory sequences such as promoters, operators, enhancers, repressors, and the like. DNA/DNA hybridization procedures carried out with DNA sequences of the invention under moderately to highly stringent conditions are likewise expected to allow the isolation of DNAs encoding allelic variants of PDE10; allelic variants are known in the art to include structurally related proteins sharing one or more of the biochemical and/or immunological properties specific to PDE10. Similarly, non-human species genes encoding proteins homologous to PDE10 can also be identified by Southern and/or PCR analysis and useful in animal models for PDE10-related disorders. As an alternative, complementation studies can be useful for identifying other human PDE10 products as well as non-human proteins, and DNAs encoding the proteins, sharing one or more biological properties of PDE10.

Polynucleotides of the invention are also

useful in hybridization assays to detect the capacity of cells to express PDE10. Polynucleotides of the invention may also be the basis for diagnostic methods useful for identifying a genetic alteration(s) in a PDE10 locus that underlies a disease state or states.

The DNA and amino acid sequence information provided by the present invention also makes possible the systematic analysis of the structure and function of PDE10s. DNA and amino acid sequence information for PDE10 also permits identification of binding partner compounds with which a PDE10 polypeptide or polynucleotide will interact. Binding partner compounds include proteins and non-protein compounds such as small molecules. Agents that modulate (*i.e.*, increase, decrease, or block) PDE10 activity or expression may be identified by incubating a putative modulator with a PDE10 polypeptide or polynucleotide and determining the effect of the putative modulator on PDE10 phosphodiesterase activity or expression. The selectivity of a compound that modulates the activity of the PDE10 can be evaluated by comparing its binding activity on the PDE10 to its activity on other PDE enzymes. Cell based methods, such as di-hybrid assays to identify DNAs encoding binding compounds and split hybrid assays to identify inhibitors of PDE10 polypeptide interaction with a known binding polypeptide, as well as *in vitro* methods, including assays wherein a PDE10 polypeptide, PDE10 polynucleotide, or a binding partner are immobilized, and solution assays are contemplated under the invention.

Selective modulators may include, for example, antibodies and other proteins or peptides which specifically bind to a PDE10 polypeptide or a PDE10-encoding nucleic acid, oligonucleotides which specifically bind to a PDE10 polypeptide or a PDE10 gene sequence, and other non-peptide compounds (*e.g.*, isolated or synthetic organic and inorganic molecules) which specifically react with a PDE10 polypeptide or underlying nucleic acid. Mutant PDE10 polypeptides which affect the enzymatic activity or cellular localization of the wild-type PDE10 polypeptides are also contemplated by the invention. Presently preferred targets for the development of selective modulators include, for example: (1) regions of the PDE10 polypeptide which contact other proteins and/or localize the PDE10 polypeptide within a cell, (2) regions of the PDE10 polypeptide which bind substrate, (3) cyclic nucleotide-binding site(s) of the PDE10 polypeptide, (4) phosphorylation site(s) of the PDE10 polypeptide and (5)

regions of the PDE10 polypeptide which are involved in multimerization of PDE10 subunits. Still other selective modulators include those that recognize specific PDE10 encoding and regulatory polynucleotide sequences. Modulators of PDE10 activity may be therapeutically useful in treatment of a wide range of diseases and physiological conditions in which PDE activity is known to be involved.

PDE10 polypeptides of the invention are particularly amenable to use in high throughput screening assays to identify binding partners, and preferably modulators. Cell based assays are contemplated, including yeast based assay systems as well as mammalian cell expression systems as described in Jayawickreme and Kost, *Curr. Opin. Biotechnol.* 8:629-634 (1997). Alternatively, automated and minaturized high throughput screening (HTS) assays, such as high density free format high density screening, as described in Houston and Banks, *Curr. Opin. Biotechnol.* 8:734-740 (1997). Combinatorial libraries are particularly useful in high throughput screening assays.

There are a number of different libraries used for the identification of small molecule modulators, including, (1) chemical libraries, (2) natural product libraries, and (3) combinatorial libraries comprised of random peptides, oligonucleotides or organic molecules.

Chemical libraries consist of structural analogs of known compounds or compounds that are identified as "hits" or "leads" via natural product screening. Natural product libraries are collections of microorganisms, animals, plants, or marine organisms which are used to create mixtures for screening by: (1) fermentation and extraction of broths from soil, plant or marine microorganisms or (2) extraction of plants or marine organisms. Natural product libraries include polyketides, non-ribosomal peptides, and variants (non-naturally occurring) variants thereof. For a review, see *Science* 282:63-68 (1998). Combinatorial libraries are composed of large numbers of peptides, oligonucleotides, or organic compounds as a mixture. They are relatively easy to prepare by traditional automated synthesis methods, PCR, cloning or proprietary synthetic methods. Of particular interest are peptide and oligonucleotide combinatorial libraries. Still other libraries of interest include protein, peptidomimetic, multiparallel synthetic collection, recombinatorial, and polypeptide libraries. For a review of combinatorial chemistry and libraries created therefrom, see Myers, *Curr. Opin. Biotechnol.* 8:701-707

(1997). Identification of modulators through use of the various libraries described herein permits modification of the candidate "hit" (or "lead") to optimize the capacity of the "hit" to modulate activity.

Also made available by the invention are anti-sense polynucleotides which recognize and hybridize to polynucleotides encoding PDE10. Full length and fragment anti-sense polynucleotides are provided. The worker of ordinary skill will appreciate that fragment anti-sense molecules of the invention include (i) those which specifically recognize and hybridize to PDE10 RNA (as determined by sequence comparison of DNA encoding PDE10 to DNA encoding other known molecules) as well as (ii) those which recognize and hybridize to RNA encoding variants in the PDE10 family of proteins. Antisense polynucleotides that hybridize to RNA encoding other members of the PDE10 family of proteins are also identifiable through sequence comparison to identify characteristic, or signature, sequences for the family of molecules. Anti-sense polynucleotides are particularly relevant to regulating expression of PDE10 by those cells expressing PDE10 mRNA.

Antisense nucleic acids (preferably 10 to 20 base pair oligonucleotides) capable of specifically binding to PDE10 expression control sequences or PDE10 RNA are introduced into cells (e.g., by a viral vector or colloidal dispersion system such as a liposome). The antisense nucleic acid binds to the PDE10 target nucleotide sequence in the cell and prevents transcription or translation of the target sequence. Phosphorothioate and methylphosphonate antisense oligonucleotides are specifically contemplated for therapeutic use according to the invention. The antisense oligonucleotides may be further modified by poly-L-lysine, transferrin polylysine, or cholesterol moieties at the 5' end.

The invention further comprehends methods to modulate PDE10 expression through use of ribozymes. For a review, see Gibson and Shillitoe, *Mol. Biotech.* 7:125-137 (1997). Ribozyme technology can be utilized to inhibit translation of PDE10 mRNA in a sequence specific manner through (i) the hybridization of a complementary RNA to a target mRNA and (ii) cleavage of the hybridized mRNA through nuclease activity inherent to the complementary strand. Ribozymes can be identified by empirical methods but more preferably are specifically designed based on accessible sites on the target mRNA [Bramlage, *et al.*, *Trends in Biotech* 16:434-438

(1998).] Delivery of ribozymes to target cells can be accomplished using either exogenous or endogenous delivery techniques well known and routinely practiced in the art. Exogenous delivery methods can include use of targeting liposomes or direct local injection. Endogenous methods include use of viral vectors and non-viral plasmids.

5 Ribozymes can specifically modulate expression of PDE10 when designed to be complementary to regions unique to a polynucleotide encoding PDE10. "Specifically modulate" therefore is intended to mean that ribozymes of the invention recognizes only a polynucleotide encoding PDE10. Similarly, ribozymes can be designed to modulate expression of all or some of the PDE10 family of proteins. Ribozymes of
10 this type are designed to recognize polynucleotide sequences conserved in all or some of the polynucleotides which encode the family of proteins.

 The invention further embraces methods to modulate transcription of PDE10 through use of oligonucleotide-directed triplet helix formation. For a review, see Lavrovsky, *et al.*, *Biochem. Mol. Med.* 62:11-22 (1997). Triplet helix formation is
15 accomplished using sequence specific oligonucleotides which hybridize to double stranded DNA in the major groove as defined in the Watson-Crick model. Hybridization of a sequence specific oligonucleotide can thereafter modulate activity of DNA-binding proteins, including, for example, transcription factors and polymerases. Preferred target sequences for hybridization include promoter and enhancer regions to permit
20 transcriptional regulation of PDE10 expression. Oligonucleotides which are capable of triplet helix formation are also useful for site-specific covalent modification of target DNA sequences. Oligonucleotides useful for covalent modification are coupled to various DNA damaging agents as described in Lavrovsky, *et al.* [*supra*].

 The invention comprehends mutations in the PDE10 gene that result in
25 loss of normal function of the PDE10 gene product and underlie human disease states in which failure of the PDE10 is involved. Gene therapy to restore PDE10 activity would thus be indicated in treating those disease states. Delivery of a functional PDE10 gene to appropriate cells is effected *ex vivo*, *in situ*, or *in vivo* by use of vectors, and more particularly viral vectors (*e.g.*, adenovirus, adeno-associated virus, or a retrovirus), or *ex*
30 *vivo* by use of physical DNA transfer methods (*e.g.*, liposomes or chemical treatments). See, for example, Anderson, *Nature*, supplement to vol. 392, no. 6679, pp.25-20 (1998).

For additional reviews of gene therapy technology see Friedmann, *Science*, 244: 1275-1281 (1989); Verma, *Scientific American*: 68-84 (1990); and Miller, *Nature*, 357: 455-460 (1992). Alternatively, it is contemplated that in other human disease states, preventing the expression of or inhibiting the activity of PDE10 will be useful in treating the disease states. It is contemplated that antisense therapy or gene therapy could be applied to negatively regulate the expression of PDE10.

Identification of modulators of PDE10 expression and/or biological activity provides methods to treat disease states that arise from aberrant PDE10 activity. Modulators may be prepared in compositions for administration, and preferably include one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, such as pharmaceutically acceptable (*i.e.*, sterile and non-toxic) liquid, semisolid, or solid diluents that serve as pharmaceutical vehicles, excipients, or media. Any diluent known in the art may be used. Exemplary diluents include, but are not limited to, polyoxyethylene sorbitan monolaurate, magnesium stearate, methyl- and propylhydroxybenzoate, talc, alginates, starches, lactose, sucrose, dextrose, sorbitol, mannitol, gum acacia, calcium phosphate, mineral oil, cocoa butter, and oil of theobroma. The modulator compositions can be packaged in forms convenient for delivery. The compositions can be enclosed within a capsule, sachet, cachet, gelatin, paper, or other container. These delivery forms are preferred when compatible with entry of the composition into the recipient organism and, particularly, when the composition is being delivered in unit dose form. The dosage units can be packaged, *e.g.*, in tablets, capsules, suppositories or cachets. The compositions may be introduced into the subject by any conventional method including, *e.g.*, by intravenous, intradermal, intramuscular, intramammary, intraperitoneal, or subcutaneous injection; by oral, sublingual, nasal, anal, vaginal, or transdermal delivery; or by surgical implantation, *e.g.*, embedded under the splenic capsule or in the cornea. The treatment may consist of a single dose or a plurality of doses over a period of time.

The invention also embraces use of a PDE10 polypeptide, a PDE10 polynucleotide, or a binding partner thereof in production of a medicament for treatment of a PDE10-related biological disorder.

The present invention is illustrated by the following examples relating to the isolation of a polynucleotide encoding a PDE10 polypeptide and expression thereof.

Example 1 describes identification of an EST encoding a partial PDE10 polypeptide and isolation of a full length PDE10-encoding clone. Example 2 relates to Northern blot analysis of PDE10 expression. Example 3 addresses chromosome mapping of PDE10.

Example 4 describes expression and characterization of a recombinant PDE10 polypeptide. Example 5 describes production of anti-PDE10 antibodies. Example 6 provides an analysis of PDE10 expression using *in situ* hybridization. Example 7 relates to high throughput screening to identify inhibitors of PDE10.

Example 1

Identification of an EST Related to a Human PDE and Isolation of a Full Length PDE10-encoding Polynucleotide

Using the sequences of known human, 3', 5' cyclic nucleotide phosphodiesterases, a search of the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) Expressed Sequence Tags (EST) database was undertaken in order to identify cDNA fragments that could potentially be useful for the identification of novel phosphodiesterase (PDE) genes. This database contains DNA sequences representing one or both ends of cDNAs collected from a variety of tissue sources. A single sequencing run is performed on one or both ends of the cDNA and the quality of the DNA sequence varies tremendously. At the time the PDE searches were performed, the EST sequence database contained more than 600,000 cDNA sequences from a variety of organisms.

The search for novel PDE sequences included three steps. First, the BLASTN program available through NCBI was used to identify DNA sequences in the EST sequence database with homology to cDNA sequences encoding known human PDEs. The program compares a nucleotide query sequence against a nucleotide sequence database. The cDNA sequences of the fifteen known human PDEs were submitted and fifteen BLASTN searches were performed; the query PDE sequences included PDE1A3 [Loughney, *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.* 271:796-806 (1996)], PDE1B1 [Yu, *et al.*, *Cell Signaling*, 9:519-529 (1997)], PDE1C2 [Loughney, *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.* 271:796-806 (1996)], PDE2A3 [Rosman, *et al.*, *Gene* 191:89-95 (1997)], PDE3A [Meacci, *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (USA)* 89:3721-3725 (1992)], PDE3B [Miki *et al.*, *Genomics* 36:476-485 (1996)], PDE4A5 [Bolger, *et al.*, *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 13:6558-6571 (1993)],

PDE4B2 [Bolger, *et al.*, *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 13:6558-6571 (1993)], PDE4C [Bolger, *et al.*, *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 13:6558-6571 (1993)], PDE4D1 [Bolger, *et al.*, *Biochem. J.* 328:539-548 (1997)] and PDE4D3 [Bolger, *et al.*, *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 13:6558-6571 (1993)], PDE5A, PDE6A [Pittler, *et al.*, *Genomics* 6:272-283 (1990)], PDE6B [Collins, *et al.*, *Genomics* 13:698-704 (1992)], PDE6C [Piriev, *et al.*, *Genomics* 28:429-435 (1995), and PDE7A1 [Michaeli, *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.* 17:12925-12932 (1993)]. The BLASTN results were examined and EST sequences that were judged as corresponding to each of the fifteen known PDE cDNAs were identified and collected into a table. The PDE6A and PDE6B sequences used as queries were truncated at 3' end (removing a portion of the 3' untranslated region) due to the presence of repetitive elements in the 3' untranslated region of the cDNAs.

Secondly, the NCBI TBLASTN program was used to examine the homology between the protein sequence of the fifteen known human PDEs (as above) and the six different possible proteins encoded by each of the EST DNA sequences. In this search, the EST sequences are translated in the six possible reading frames and the amino acid sequences generated are compared to the query PDE amino acid sequences. Sequences identified as homologous at the amino acid level were examined and any EST sequences positively identified as corresponding to a known PDE during the BLASTN search described above were discarded.

The third step of the search involved analyzing the sequences that were not known PDEs. These amino acid sequences were homologous to a known PDE but were not identified as one of the 15 known PDE genes during the BLASTN searches.

The initial BLAST searches identified three EST sequences, designated X88347 (SEQ ID NO: 3), X88467 (SEQ ID NO: 4), and X88465 (SEQ ID NO: 5), that were obtained from an exon trapping experiment using chromosome 21 genomic DNA and found to encode an amino acid sequence having homology to the catalytic region of one or more of the PDE query sequences. X88347 showed homology with the amino acid sequences of PDE1A, 1B, 1C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B and 4D; X88467 showed homology to PDE1A, 1B, 1C, 4A, 4B, 4C, and D4; and X88465 was homologous to PDE1A and 1B amino acid sequences. At the 5' terminus, EST X88465 was 58 nucleotides shorter than was X88467 and was not considered further.

When X88347 was translated from nucleotides 1-222 and the resultant protein was compared to PDE1A, the two proteins were the same at 23 of 51 amino acid positions (45% identity). When X88467 was translated from nucleotide 3 to 155 and the resultant protein compared to PDE1A, 15 of 36 amino acids were the same (42% identity). Because ESTs X88347 and X88467 showed homology to two different regions of the catalytic region of PDE1A, it seemed possible that they represented two different exons from a novel PDE gene.

X88347 was used as a query in a BLASTN search of the NCBI EST database. In addition to itself, X88347 identified three other human EST sequences with high enough homology to suggest the sequences were derived from the same gene. EST R00718 (SEQ ID NO: 6) showed 91% identity to X88347. R00719 (SEQ ID NO: 7) represented the 3'-end of the same cDNA as R00718. R45187 (SEQ ID NO: 8) showed 88% identity to X88347. Two mouse cDNAs were also identified: W82786 (SEQ ID NO: 9)(91% identity) and W10517 (SEQ ID NO: 10) appeared to represent the mouse homolog of X88347. A BLASTN search using W10517 as probe identified another sequence H90802 (SEQ ID NO: 11), which appeared to represent another human EST that may be part of the human PDE gene. The several human cDNAs were not identical to each other, and the quality of the sequencing was poor. The cDNA represented by the R00719 and R00718 EST sequences was obtained from the American Type Culture Collection (Rockville, MD) which maintains and makes publicly available deposits of ESTs identified and sequenced by I.M.A.G.E., Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, (Livermore, CA). The cDNA had been isolated from a fetal liver and spleen library and mapped to chromosome 21.

R00718/9 was sequenced upon receipt and found to be consistent with the EST database sequence. The polynucleotide and amino acids sequences for R00718/9 are set out in SEQ ID Nos: 12 and 13, respectively. The R00718/9 clone contained a 0.6 kb insert with a poly A tail at the 3'-end. The open reading frame encoded a protein with homology to other PDEs but did not extend to the 5'end of the cDNA. Beginning at amino acid position 9, a QSDRE sequence was found. Corresponding D and E residues were found within all of the query sequences. Query sequences also included a conserved E(F/Y) sequence located amino terminal to the conserved D and E residues,

but this sequence was not found in EST R00718/9. Instead, the EST contained eight amino acids followed by a stop codon. The R00718/9 cDNA appeared to diverge from the PDE query sequences in the catalytic region and the open reading frame was not maintained. The disrupted open reading frame may suggest the presence of an intron that had not been removed or that the R00718/9 sequence was joined to some unidentified extraneous polynucleotide sequence. The gene represented by R00718/9 was designated PDE10.

In order to identify additional PDE10 sequences, a probe was generated based on the PDE10 sequence and used to screen cDNA libraries. First, two primers, R71S100R (SEQ ID NO: 14) and R71A521H (SEQ ID NO: 15) were synthesized for use in PCR to amplify a 420 nucleotide portion of the R00718/9 DNA fragment (nucleotides 130 to 550). Primer R71S100R generated an *Eco*RI restriction site in the amplification product (underlined below) and primer R71A521H generated a *Hind*III site (also underlined below). The PCR fragment was designed to include the region of R00718/9 homologous to other PDEs, but not the poly A tail.

R71S100R (SEQ ID NO: 14)

AGTCGAATTCACCGTGAGAAGTCAGAAG

R71A521H (SEQ ID NO: 15)

GTCAAAGCTTACATGGTCTTGTGGTGCC

The PCR reaction contained 50 pg R00719 cDNA, 10 ng/μl each primer, 0.2 mM dNTP, 1X PCR buffer (Perkin-Elmer), 2 mM MgCl₂, and 1.25 U *Taq* polymerase (Perkin-Elmer). The reaction was first maintained at 94°C for four minutes, after which thirty cycles of one minute 94°C, two minutes 50°C, and four minutes at 72°C were performed. The PCR fragment was purified using low melting point agarose gel electrophoresis.

For library screening, the PCR fragment was labeled with ³²P with a random priming kit (Boehringer Mannheim) according to manufacturer's instructions and used to screen 10⁶ cDNAs from a human heart cDNA library (Stratagene, La Jolla, CA), 5 x 10⁵ cDNAs from a human hippocampal cDNA library (Clontech, Palo Alto, CA), and 7.5 x 10⁵ cDNAs from a human fetal brain cDNA library (Stratagene). Hybridization was

carried out overnight in buffer containing 3X SSC, 0.1% Sarkosyl, 20 mM sodium phosphate, pH 6.8, 10X Denhardt's solution, and 50 µg/ml salmon sperm DNA at 65°C. Eleven positives were obtained from the fetal brain library and three from the hippocampal library. Partial sequencing led to the selection of one, FB79c, for further characterization. The polynucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences for FB79c are set out in SEQ ID NOs: 16 and 17, respectively.

FB79c contained a 1.3 kb insert; the 3' end of FB79c extended further than that of R00718/9 and contained 12 adenosine residues of the poly A tail of R00718/9, an *EcoRI* site (GGAATTC), an additional fifty-nine nucleotides and a poly A sequence. At the 5' end, the sequence for FB79c differed from that of R00718/9 beginning at, and continuing 5' of, nucleotide 121 of R00718/9 (corresponding to nucleotide 744 of FB79c). The open reading frame in FB79c (encoding a protein with homology to the query PDEs) did not extend to the 5' end of the cDNA but ended in a stop codon at nucleotide 104.

A sequence within the FB79c DNA located upstream of the point of divergence from R00718/9 (but within the portion of the open reading frame with homology to the other PDEs) was the region chosen for a probe in subsequent library screening. The isolated sequence selected was a 0.36 kb *EcoRV* fragment extending from nucleotide 308 to nucleotide 671 of FB79c and was used to screen 1.75×10^6 cDNAs from the fetal brain cDNA library (Stratagene). More than twenty cDNAs were identified and twelve were subjected to partial restriction mapping and DNA sequencing. More extensive sequencing on six of them led to the selection of clones FB76.2 and FB68.2 for complete sequencing. The polynucleotide and amino acid sequences for clone FB76.2 are set out in SEQ ID NOs: 18 and 19, respectively, and the polynucleotide and amino acid sequences for clone FB68.2 are set out in SEQ ID NOs: 20 and 21, respectively.

FB76.2 contained a 1.9 kb cDNA insert; the 3' end of the cDNA stopped one nucleotide short of the poly A tail found in clone FB79c and the sequence diverged from FB79c 5' of nucleotide 109 in clone FB79c (corresponding to nucleotide 715 in FB76.2). The open reading frame in the FB76.2 sequence that encoded a protein with homology to the PDE query sequences extended to the 5' end of the cDNA and the first

methionine was encoded beginning at nucleotide 74. Assuming this residue to be the initiating methionine, the open reading frame of FB76.2 encoded a 533 amino acid protein with a predicted molecular weight of 61,708 Da.

Clone FB68.2 contained a 2 kb cDNA insert. At the 3' end, it extended to the poly A tail found in the FB79c sequence and the open reading frame extended to the 5' end of the cDNA. FB68.2 differed from FB76.2 by the presence of an additional internal 180 nucleotides (nucleotides 225 to 404 of FB68.2) following corresponding nucleotide 335 of FB76.2. Since the number of additional nucleotides in the FB68.2 insertion was divisible by three, it did not alter the reading frame as compared to FB76.2. The position of the insert with respect to maintaining the same reading frame suggested that the sequence might represent an exon found in some, but not all, PDE10 cDNAs. Alternatively, the additional sequence could be an intron that had not been removed from the FB68.2 cDNA.

Because the FB76.2 and FB68.2 differed from each other, additional PDE10 DNAs were obtained and analyzed to more accurately define the PDE10 nucleotide sequence. A 5' 0.3 kb *EcoRI* fragment of FB76.2 (corresponding to nucleotides 1 to 285) was isolated and used as a probe to screen 7.5×10^5 cDNAs from the fetal brain cDNA library. Thirty seven positives were obtained, of which nineteen were first characterized with respect to fragment size (insert) that hybridized to the 0.3 kb *EcoRI* probe. Eight of the nineteen clones were subsequently characterized by partial sequencing. Two clones, FB93a and FB94a, contained 0.5 kb and 1.6 kb *EcoRI* fragments, respectively, that hybridized and were chosen for complete sequencing. The polynucleotide and amino acid sequences for clone FB93a are set out in SEQ ID NOs: 22 and 23, respectively, and the polynucleotide and amino acid sequences for clone FB94a are set out in SEQ ID NOs : 1 and 2, respectively.

FB93a contained a 1.5 kb insert which did not extend to the 3' end of FB76.2 but was ninety nucleotides longer than FB76.2 at the 5' end. The additional nucleotides encoded a stop codon beginning at position 47 which was in reading frame with the first methionine in FB76.2 described above (nucleotide 164 in FB93a). The position of the stop codon indicated the presence of a complete open reading frame and

that FB76.2 probably represented a full length cDNA. Like FB76.2, FB93a did not contain the 180 nucleotide insert that was present in FB68.2.

FB94a contained a 1.5 kb cDNA insert and the 3' end extended almost 0.1 kb beyond the stop codon. The first methionine was encoded beginning at nucleotide 26, and assuming this residue to be the initiating methionine, FB94a encoded a 466 amino acid protein with a predicted molecular weight of 54,367 Da. FB94a differed from FB76.2 and FB93a by absence of a 149 nucleotide region which, if consistent with the sequences for FB76.2 and FB93a, would have been located after nucleotide 42. The absence of the 149 nucleotide sequence produced a putative initiator methionine that is in a different reading frame than that found in FB76.2 and FB93a. Like FB76.2 and FB93a, FB94a did not contain the 180 nucleotide region found in FB68.2.

A search of the EST data base with the FB94a and FB93a sequences identified yet another possible sequence for a PDE10 cDNA. The sequence of EST A158300 lacked both the 149 nucleotide and the 180 nucleotide sequences discussed above. In addition, A158300 also lacked 55 nucleotides immediately 3' to the 180 nucleotide region as found in the FB68.2 sequence. The open reading frame in A158300 extended to the 5' end and the first methionine corresponded to the same one used by FB76.2 and FB93a. The presence of the additional 55 nucleotide deletion from A158300 resulted in a different reading frame for the sequence between the site where the 149 nucleotides were deleted and the site where the 180 nucleotides were deleted.

The sequence information for PDE10 derived from these cDNA sequences can be summarized as follows. There is a 149 nucleotide sequence found in some clones (sequences FB76.2, FB93a, FB68.2) but not in all (sequences FB94a, A158300). The 149 nucleotide sequence is followed by a 44 nucleotide region that is present in all the PDE10 cDNAs analyzed to date. Following the 44 nucleotide region is a sequence of 235 nucleotides in length. The region can be present in its entirety (as found in the sequence for FB68.2) or without the first 180 nucleotides (as observed in sequences FB76.2 and FB93a). As still another alternative, the whole region can be removed (as found in the sequence for A158300). These possibilities predict six different mRNA structures, four of which have been isolated.

The presence or absence of the 149 nucleotide region may reflect the presence or absence of an exon, and the presence of all or some of the 235 nucleotide region may reflect alternative 3'splice acceptor site usage. As an alternative, it is also possible that the 235 nucleotide region represents two separate exons of 180 and 55 nucleotides in length. The presence or absence of the 149 nucleotide sequence alters the reading frame of the encoded protein as does the presence or absence of the 55 nucleotide sequence.

A number of single nucleotide differences have been observed in comparison of the various PDE10 cDNAs. R00718/9 has a cytosine at nucleotide position 155 whereas the other cDNAs have a thymidine at this position; this difference represented a silent change as proline is encoded by both sequences. R00718/9 also has a cytosine at position 161 whereas the other cDNAs have an adenosine at the same position; this difference also represented a silent change as both sequences encode alanine. FB94a has a guanosine at position 1383 whereas the other cDNAs have an adenosine at this position; as a consequence of the difference, FB94a encodes a glycine rather than a glutamic acid at that position. FB76.2 has an adenosine rather than a cytosine at position 1809; the difference does not effect an amino acid difference since the nucleotide position is located in the 3' untranslated region. FB79c also has one less adenosine in the string of nucleotides between 1204 and 1215 than do the other cDNAs; this difference is also within the 3' untranslated region.

In comparison of a predicted PDE10 amino acid sequence with other known PDEs indicated that most, but not all, of the amino acids that are conserved among the query sequences were also found in PDE10. Comparison of the PDE10 catalytic region to PDE4A, PDE5A, and PDE7A revealed 32%, 30% and 34% identity, respectively.

Example 2 Northern Blot

In order to determine which cell and tissue types express PDE10, Northern blot analysis was carried out using a commercially prepared multi-tissue Northern blot (Clontech, Palo Alto, CA). The probe was a *EcoRI/BclII* fragment of the FB76.2

corresponding to nucleotides 1 to 883. Hybridization conditions were as previously described [Loughney et al., *supra*, (1996)].

Results indicated a 2.2 to 2.4 kb band which was strongest in kidney, present in heart, pancreas, and placenta, and weakest in brain, lung, skeletal muscle and liver. The band was fairly wide in placenta suggesting that it might contain a number of mRNAs of slightly different sizes.

Example 3 Chromosome Mapping

As mentioned above, the X88347, X88467, and X88465 ESTs were identified with an exon trapping procedure using DNA from chromosome 21 [Chen *et al.* 1996]. X88467 was identified as a new sequence with homology to a mouse calcium-, calmodulin-dependent phosphodiesterase Q01065 aa 52-103. XD88347 was identified to be the same as EST R00718 and similar to *Drosophila* cAMP dependent phosphodiesterase P12252. Both of these sequences were placed in a category described as having strong homology to known protein sequences.

A search of the Sequence Tagged Sites (STS) database at NCBI revealed homology of the 3'-end of PDE10 to STS WI-13322 which has been mapped to region 220.72 cr. from the top of chromosome 21. The cDNA that this STS was derived from begins at nucleotide 1899 of FB68.2, does not have the poly A tail and extends further 3' than FB68.2. It seems likely that this STS sequence represents a PDE10A transcript to which no poly (A⁺) tail has been added or a PDE10A transcript that uses an alternative site for poly (A⁺) addition. STS WI-13322 was placed on a Whitehead map of chromosome 21 near SGC35805, which is derived from the gene for the cystathionine beta-synthase (CBS). CBS has been mapped to chromosome 21 at 21q22.3 [Avramopoulos, et al, Hum. Genet. 90:566-568 (1993); Munke *et al.*, Hum. Genet. 42:550-559 (1988)].

A number of different genetic diseases map to this region of chromosome 21, for example, Down syndrome [Delabar, *et al.*, Eur. J. Hum. Genet. 1:114-124(1993)]. It is not clear that PDE10A falls within the Down syndrome critical region (DSCR) but it is possible that genes elsewhere on chromosome 21 also contribute to Down syndrome [Korenberg, et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (USA) 91:4997-5001 (1994)]. As another

example, a locus involved in bipolar affective disorder in some families has been mapped to 21q22.3 [Vallada, *et al.*, *J.Affect. Disord.* 41:217-221 (1996)]. Other examples include Knobloch syndrome, characterized by myopia and retinal degeneration and detachment [Sertie, *et al.*, *Hum. Mol. Genet.* 5:843-847 (1996)], and one or more genes responsible for congenital recessive deafness (DFNB8, DFNB10) [Veske, *et al.*, *Hum. Mol. Genet.* 5:165168 (1996); Bonne-Tamir, *et al.*, *Am. J. Hum. Genet.* 58:1254-1259 (1996)]. PDE10A may play a role in any or all of these disease states.

Example 4 Expression and Characterization of PDE10

The entire open reading frame of the PDE10 cDNA (clone FB94a) was placed into a yeast ADH vector including the alcohol dehydrogenase promoter. The construct was built in two steps.

The 5' end was generated using PCR and FB94a DNA as template. PCR was carried out using the 5' primer below (SEQ ID NO: 25) in combination with 3' primer R71A3 (SEQ ID NO: 26). The 5' primer includes an *Nco*I site (underlined in SEQ ID NO: 25 below) and the initiating methionine codon of FB94a is in bold. The 5' primer also adds a FLAG[®] epitope tag (Eastman Kodak, Rochester, NY) to the amino terminus of the encoded protein; the FLAG[®] tag is an epitope (SEQ ID NO: 24) recognized by the monoclonal antibody M2 (Eastman Kodak).

FLAG[®] TAG (SEQ ID NO: 24)
Asp-Tyr-Lys-Asp-Asp-Asp-Lys

5' Primer (SEQ ID NO: 25)
TAGACCATGGACTACAAGGACGACGA-
TGACAAGATGGACGCATTTCAGAAGCACT

R71A3 (SEQ ID NO: 26)
CGAGGAGTCAACTTCTTG

PCR was carried out using 5 µl each primer (100 µg/ml stock), 5 µl 10X buffer (Perkin Elmer), 5 µl 10X nucleotides (2 mM stock), 3 µl MgCl₂ (25 mM stock), FB94a DNA, and 0.3 µl *Taq* polymerase (Perkin Elmer) in a reaction volume of 50 µl. After

incubating the reaction mixture at 94°C for four minutes, 30 cycles of one minute at 94°C, two minutes at 50°C, and four minutes at 72°C were carried out. The PCR product was cleaved with *NcoI* and *HincII* and purified using agarose gel electrophoresis. The 3' sequence of PDE10 was isolated as a *HincII/EcoRI* fragment cleaved from FB94a and purified by agarose gel electrophoresis. The two fragments were combined and ligated into a *NcoI/EcoRI*-digested Bluescript[®] vector (Stratagene, La Jolla, CA), previously modified by the insertion of the ADH promoter previously removed from a YEpC-PADH2d vector [Price *et al. Meth. Enzymol.* 185:308-315 (1990)] as a *SacI/NcoI* fragment, to generate plasmid PDE10-1. New junctions and sequence generated by PCR were verified by sequencing.

In the second step of plasmid construction, the *SacI/SalI* fragment from PDE10-1 containing the ADH promoter and PDE10 open reading frame was purified by two rounds of agarose gel electrophoresis and ligated into *SacI/SalI* cut YEpC-PADH2 vector.

Following transformation into BJ2-54, a yeast strain lacking endogenous PDE activity, a colony was selected, streaked out on SC-leu plates and a single colony carrying the PDE10 construct was chosen for further characterization. Following overnight growth in SC-leu media the culture was diluted 1:250 in fresh SC-leu and grown overnight at 30°C until it reached a density of 10⁷ cells/ml. The cells were collected by centrifugation, washed once with YEP 3% glycerol media, resuspended in YEP containing 3% glycerol, and grown at 30°C for another 24 hours. The cells were harvested by centrifugation, washed with water, and frozen at -70°C until use. Prior to use, an aliquot of the yeast extract was analyzed by SDS PAGE. A protein specific to yeast carrying the PDE10 expression construct that migrated on the SDS PAGE gels with the expected mobility (55.5 kDa) was observed by Coomassie blue staining.

Yeast cells (1 x 10¹⁰) were thawed with 200 µg/ml each of pepstatin A, leupeptin, and aprotinin 1 mM DTT, and 20 µg/ml calpain inhibitors (I and II). Two hundred µl of glass beads (0.5 mm, acid washed) were added, and the mixture was vortexed for eight cycles of 30 seconds each. Samples were cooled for 4.5 minutes at 4°C between cycles. After lysis, 0.8 ml lysis buffer was added, the lysate separated from the beads, and the lysate centrifuged for 30 minutes at 100,000 x g in a Beckman TL-100

tabletop centrifuge. The supernatant was aliquoted, frozen in dry ice/ethanol, and stored at -70°C.

Kinetic assays were performed on a BIOMEK[®] 1000 programmable robotic station (Beckman Instruments). The range of final substrate concentration was 0.2 to 1000 µM for cAMP and 0.6-2000 nM for cGMP. The highest nucleotide concentration contained 1 to 1.5 million Cerenkov counts of ³²P-labeled substrate per assay. The enzyme preparation was initially diluted 1:500 (cAMP as substrate) or 1:50,000 (cGMP as substrate). The enzyme dilution buffer consisted of 25 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.9, 5 µM ZnSO₄, 5 mM MgCl₂, 0.1 mM DTT, 100 mM NaCl and 0.1 mg/ml BSA (Calbiochem; fatty acid free). Activity at each substrate concentration was derived from a linear fit of successive four-fold enzyme dilutions across the plate.

Assays were performed at 30°C for 15 minutes. After 12 minutes, 5 µl snake venom from *Crotalus atrox* (15 mg/ml protein) was added to each reaction. Assays were stopped by addition 200 µl of charcoal suspension (25 mg/ml activated charcoal in 0.1 M monobasic potassium phosphate). The plate was centrifuged at 2600 rpm, and 200 µl of each supernatant was transferred into Microbeta[®] counting plates and counted on a WALLAC Microbeta[®] by Cerenkov counting. Data were evaluated with a predesigned Microsoft Excel[®] Spreadsheet, and the kinetic parameters were fitted to a Michaelis-Menton model using the program Table Curve[®] from Jandel Scientific.

Results indicated that the K_m for cGMP hydrolysis was 5 (± 1) nM and the K_m for cAMP hydrolysis was 160 (± 30) µM. In the extract, cGMP hydrolytic activity was determined to be 0.035 (± 0.01) µmol/min/mg, while cAMP hydrolysis was measured to be 0.52 (± 0.06) µmol/min/mg. Thus, although PDE10 had much greater affinity for cGMP, the V_{max} for cAMP was 15-fold greater.

In order to distinguish PDE10 from other PDE families, a panel of PDE inhibitors with activities against defined PDE families was tested for PDE10 inhibition using cAMP as a substrate. The results of the assay are set out in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1

PDE10 Inhibition with Isozyme-specific PDE Inhibitors

Inhibitor	Target Family	PDE10 IC ₅₀ (μM)	Target Family IC ₅₀ (μM)
SCH46642	PDE1	14	0.2 ⁵
EHNA	PDE2	477	0.8 ²
Cilostamide	PDE3	100	0.04-0.9 ³
Rolipram	PDE4	529	0.18-0.5 ⁴
DMPPO	PDE5	9	0.003 ¹
IBMX	non-specific	59	2-20 ¹

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The results further distinguish PDE10 from PDEs in families 1 through 5 in that specific inhibitors for enzymes in those families are significantly less effective in inhibiting PDE10.

Example 5 Production of Anti-PDE10 Antibodies

A GST fusion protein was produced in *E. coli* to provide an antigen for generation of monoclonal antibodies to PDE10. An *EcoRI* fragment from FB76.2 (nucleotides 280 through 1829 in SEQ ID NO: 18) was inserted into the *EcoRI* site of pGEX3X (Pharmacia) and the resultant construct was transformed in the *E. coli* strain XL1 Blue. A GST-PDE10 fusion protein including 464 amino acids from PDE10 was expressed from this construct following induction with IPTG. The fusion protein was isolated using SDS-PAGE, the band of appropriate size excised from the gel following staining with cold 0.4 M KCl, and the protein obtained from the acrylamide by

electroelution. The elution product was dialyzed against PBS and concentrated using Centriprep 10 and Centricon columns (Amicon, Beverly MA) prior to being injected into mice.

On day 0, four Balb/c mice were pre-bled and immunized by subcutaneous injection with a panel of antigens including 30 µg/mouse GST-PDE10 fusion protein in complete Freund's adjuvant in 200 µl total volume. The same injections were repeated at weeks three and nine in incomplete Freund's adjuvant. Ten days after the last immunization, test bleeds were obtained and screened by antigen capture ELISA and Western analysis.

In the ELISA, Immulon[®] 4 plates (Dynex, Cambridge, Massachusetts) were coated at 4°C with 50 µl/well of a solution containing 2 µg/ml GST-PDE10 in 50 mM carbonate buffer, pH 9.6. Plates were blocked with 0.5% fish skin gelatin (Sigma) for 30 minutes and 50 µl serum diluted in PBS with 0.5% Tween[®] 20 (PBST) was added. Serum dilutions ranged from 1:100 to 1:102,400 and were obtained by a series of doubling dilutions. After incubation at 37°C for 30 minutes and washing three times with PBST, 50 µl of horseradish peroxidase-conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG(fc) antibody (Jackson) (diluted 1:10000 in PBST) was added. Plates were incubated as above and washed four times with PBST. Antibody was detected with addition of tetramethyl benzidine (Sigma Chemical, St. Louis, Missouri) and the color reaction was stopped after five minutes with the addition of 50 µl of 15% H₂SO₄. Absorbance at 450 nM was measured on a plate reader.

For Western analysis, SDS-PAGE gels were run with approximately 10 µg yeast PDE10 extract and approximately 200 ng of gel-purified GST-PDE10 and the proteins were transferred to Immobilon-PVDF. A standard enhanced chemiluminescence (ECL) Western blot protocol was performed using BioRad goat anti-mouse IgG horseradish peroxidase as the secondary antibody.

In preparation of hybridomas, splenocytes from mice giving a positive result from the ELISA and/or Western blotting protocols above, were fused to NS-1 cells in a ratio of 5:1 by standard methods using polyethylene glycol 1500 (Boehringer Mannheim) [Harlow and Lane, Antibodies, a Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, p.211 (1988)]. The fused cells were resuspended in 200 ml RPMI containing

15% FBS, 100 mM sodium hypoxanthine, 0.4 mM aminopterin, 16 mM thymidine (HAT) (Gibco), 25 units/ml IL-6 (Boehringer Mannheim) and 1.5×10^6 murine thymocytes/ml and dispensed into ten 96-well flat bottom tissue culture plates (Corning, United Kingdom) at 200 μ l/well. Cells were fed on days 2, 4, and 6 post fusion by aspirating approximately 100 μ l from each well with an 18 G needle (Becton Dickinson) and adding 100 μ l/well plating medium described above except containing 10 units/ml IL-6 and lacking thymocytes. On days 9 to 12, supernatants from the fusion wells were screened by antigen capture ELISA using GST and GST-PDE10 and by ECL Western analysis as described above.

A positive signal of the expected size was obtained on both lanes of the Western blot using mouse blood and monoclonal antibodies with reactivity to the yeast recombinant protein were obtained in the subsequent fusion.

Example 6 **Analysis of PDE10 Expression by *in situ* Hybridization**

Expression of PDE10 was examined in tissue sections by *in situ* hybridization as described below.

Preparation of probe

An *EcoRI/PstI* restriction enzyme fragment from the cDNA FB93a (corresponding to nucleotides 370 through 978 in SEQ ID NO: 22) was subcloned into a Bluescript[®] vector (Stratagene, La Jolla, CA) to generate an expression plasmid designated PDE10A3A. The plasmid was digested with *EcoRI* and transcribed with T3 polymerase to generate an antisense probe. A sense probe was generated by digestion the plasmid with *BamHI* and transcribing with T7 polymerase. The PDE10 templates were transcribed using a RNA Transcription kit (Stratagene, La Jolla, CA) in a reaction containing 5 μ l of 5X transcription buffer (Stratagene), 30 mM DTT (Stratagene), 0.8 mM each ATP, CTP, GTP (10 mM (Stratagene), 40 U RNase Block II (Stratagene), 12.5 U T3 or T7 polymerase (Stratagene), and 300 ng linearized plasmid template, 50 μ Ci ³⁵S-UTP (greater than 1000 Ci/mmol, Amersham, Arlington Heights, IL). The mixture was incubated at 37°C for one hour after which the template DNA was removed by addition

of 1 μ l of RNase-free DNase I (Stratagene) and incubation for 15 minutes at 37°C. The probe was hydrolyzed to approximately 250 nucleotides in length to facilitate tissue penetration by adding 4 μ l 1 M NaHCO₃ and 6 μ l 1 M Na₂CO₃ for 22 minutes at 60°C and the reaction mixture was neutralized by addition of 25 μ l of a solution containing 100 μ l 3 M sodium acetate, 5 μ l acetic acid (VWR, So. Plainfield, NJ), and 395 μ l dH₂O. A Quick Spin G50 RNA column (5'-3' Inc., Boulder, CO) was prepared according to the manufacturer's suggested protocol. The probe was placed in the center of the column and the column centrifuged for four minutes at 1,000 rpm in a desk top centrifuge. The column flow-through was mixed with 50 μ l dH₂O, 2 μ l of a 10 mg/ml tRNA solution, 10 μ l 3 M sodium acetate, and 200 μ l 100% ethanol (VWR) and the resulting mixture was incubated at -20°C overnight. The probe solution was microfuged for 15 minutes at 4°C, the supernatant was removed, and the pellet was resuspended in 40 μ l 1X TBE containing 1 μ l of 0.1 M DTT. The probe was stored at -70°C until the *in situ* hybridization assay was performed.

Preparation of tissue samples and *in situ* hybridization

Tissues (National Disease Research Interchange, Philadelphia, PA and Cooperative Human Tissue Network, Philadelphia, PA) were sectioned at 6 μ m and placed on Superfrost Plus slides (VWR). Sections were fixed for 20 minutes at 4°C in 4% paraformaldehyde (Sigma, St. Louis, MO). The slides were rinsed in three changes of 1X calcium-, magnesium-free phosphate buffered saline (CMF-PBS), dehydrated with three successive washes with 70% ethanol, 95% ethanol and 100% ethanol, and dried for 30 minutes at room temperature. The slides were placed in 70% formamide (J.T. Baker) in 2X SSC for two minutes at 70°C, rinsed in 2X SSC at 4°C, dehydrated through 70%, 95% and 100% ethanol washes, and dried for 30 minutes at room temperature.

A prehybridization step was performed by placing the slides in an airtight box containing a piece of filter paper saturated with buffer containing 50% formamide (J.T. Baker) in 4X SSC. Each section was covered with 100 μ l of rHB2 buffer consisting of 10% dextran sulfate (Sigma), 50% formamide (J.T. Baker, Phillipsburg, NJ), 100 mM DTT (Boehringer Mannheim, Indianapolis, IN), 0.3 M NaCl (Sigma), 20 mM Tris, pH 7.5, 5 mM EDTA (Sigma), and 1X Denhardt's solution (Sigma) and the slides were

incubated at 42°C for two hours. The probe, as described above, was prepared by mixing 4 x 10⁵ cpm/tissue section with 5 µl of a 10 mg/ml tRNA solution per section and heating the mixture at 95°C for three minutes. Ice cold rHB2 buffer was added to bring the final volume to 20 µl/section. The probe-containing solution (20 µl/section) was added to 100 µl rHB2 buffer previously applied. The slides were incubated at 55°C for 12 to 16 hours. Following hybridization, the slides were washed once in 4X SSC containing 10 mM DTT for one hour at room temperature, once in 50% deionized formamide (J.T. Baker), 1X SSC, and 1 mM DTT for 40 minutes at 60°C, once in 2X SSC for 30 minutes at room temperature, and once in 0.1X SSC for 30 minutes at room temperature. The sections were dehydrated through 70%, 95%, and 100% ethanol washes and air dried for 30 minutes. The slides were dipped in Kodak NTB2 nuclear emulsion, dried for one to three hours at room temperature in the dark, and stored in the dark at 4°C with desiccant until time of development. The slides were developed in 4°C Kodak Dektol[®] developer for two minutes, dipped four times in 4°C dH₂O, and placed in 4°C Kodak fixer for ten minutes. The slides were rinsed in dH₂O and a standard hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) stain was performed as follows.

The slides were rinsed in dH₂O and stained with hematoxylin and eosin by transfer of the slides through a series of the following steps: five minutes in formaldehyde/alcohol (100 ml formaldehyde, 900 ml 80% ethanol); three rinses in water for a total of two minutes; five minutes in 0.75% Harris hematoxylin (Sigma); three rinses in water for a total of two minutes; one dip in 1% HCl/50% ethanol; one rinse in water; four dips in 1% lithium carbonate; ten minutes in tap water; two minutes in 0.5% eosin (Sigma); three rinses in water for a total of two minutes; two minutes in 70% ethanol; three one-minute rinses in 95% ethanol; two one-minute rinses in 100% ethanol; and two two-minute rinses in xylene. Slides were mounted with cytooseal 60 (Stephens Scientific, Riverdale, NJ).

The signals obtained with an antisense PDE10 probe were compared to the control signals generated by a sense PDE10 probe and any signal specific to the antisense probe was assumed to represent PDE10 expression. PDE10 signal was detected throughout much of the cerebellum, with very strong signal in the Purkinje cells.

Example 7 High Throughput Screening for PDE10 Inhibitors

In an attempt to identify specific inhibitors, PDE10 was screened against a chemical library containing compounds of known structure. Initial screening was performed on pools of compounds (22 compounds per pool) with each compound present at 4.6 μ M. Pools which inhibited PDE10 activity by greater than 50% were selected and the individual compounds in the pool were screened at a concentration of 20 μ M. IC₅₀ values were determined for compounds that inhibited enzyme activity.

An extract was prepared from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain BJ2-54 (described in Example 4) lacking endogenous PDE activity and having PDE10 at an activity of 49 nmol cGMP hydrolyzed/min/ml with 32 nM cGMP. The extract was diluted 1:21,000-fold for use in the assay. Dilution buffer included 25 mM Tris, pH 8.0, 0.1 mM DTT, 5.0 mM MgCl₂, 100 mM NaCl, 5 μ M ZnSO₄ and 100 μ g/ml BSA. PDE assay buffer (5X) contained 200 mM Tris, pH 8.0, 5 mM EGTA, 25 mM MgCl₂ and 0.5 mg/ml BSA. Just prior to screening, 5X PDE assay buffer, deionized water, and 5'-nucleosidase (stock solution 15 mg/ml snake venom 5'-nucleosidase in 20 mM Tris, pH 8.0) were mixed at ratios of 4:4:1 to make Assay Reagent Mix.

A Packard MultiPROBE[®] was used to add 45 μ l of the Assay Reagent Mix and 20 μ l of the chemical compound pools. A BIOMEK[®] 1000 (See Example 4) was used to add 20 μ l of PDE10 extract diluted as described above and 20 μ l ³²P-cGMP (ICN, specific activity 250 μ Ci/mmol, diluted to 0.4 μ Ci/ml, 16 nM, in deionized water). Final cGMP concentration in the assay was 0.08 μ Ci/ml, 3.2 nM. Ten minutes after addition of ³²P-cGMP, 140 μ l of 25 mg/ml charcoal (in 0.1 M NaH₂PO₄) was added to stop the reaction. After a 20 minute incubation at room temperature, the assay plates were centrifuged for five minutes at 3,500 rpm in a Beckman GS-6R centrifuge. A BIOMEK[®] 1000 was used to transfer 140 μ l of the supernatant to a Wallac counting plate and Cerenkov radiation was measured in a Wallac MicroBeta Counter.

Several compounds that merit further investigation were found to inhibit enzyme activity.

Numerous modifications and variations in the invention as set forth in the above illustrative examples are expected to occur to those skilled in the art.

